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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: ALKYLIDENE COMPLEXES OF  
RUTHENIUM CONTAINING N-  
HETEROCYCLIC CARBENE LIGANDS; USE  
AS HIGHLY ACTIVE, SELECTIVE  
CATALYSTS FOR OLEFIN METATHESIS

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

**SPECIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ There are no amendments to the specification.

\_\_\_\_\_ New paragraph presented in a separate section. Please add the following  
X paragraph to the specification at page 1 after the title (see page 2 of this  
\_\_\_\_\_ amendment).

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**Related Applications**

This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/647,742 filed November 27, 2000, which is a National stage (under 35 USC 371) application of PCT/EP99/01785 filed March 18, 1999, which claims benefit to German application Serial Number 198 15 275.2 filed April 6, 1998.